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POPULATION ESTIMATES

Whole State at 30th June, 1956 -

Males - 348,967

Females - 328,422

Persons - 677,389

Metropolitan Area at 30th June, 1956 -

Persons - 369,000

MARRIAGES, BIRTHS AND DEATHS - WESTERN AUSTRALIA

	JULY		Seven Months ended JULY	
	1956	1955	1956	1955
Marriages - Number	322	314	3,042	3,026
* Rate per 1000 of Population	5.61	5.61	7.75	7.96
Births - Number	1,455	1,302	10,072	9,512
* Rate per 1000 of Population	25.34	23.25	25.66	25.01
Deaths - Number	534	479	3,198	3,015
* Rate per 1000 of Population	9.30	8.55	8.15	7.93
Infant - Number	31	25	227	218
Mortality * Rate per 1000 Live Births	21.31	19.20	22.54	22.92
<u>PRINCIPAL CAUSES OF DEATH</u>				
Tuberculosis	5	2	20	15
Malignant neoplasms	60	54	466	406
Diabetes mellitus	7	4	37	35
Diseases of blood, etc.	1	1	6	10
Cerebral hemorrhage, etc.	56	56	399	343
Diseases of the heart	182	174	959	952
Hypertension with heart disease	16	15	80	97
Hypertensive disease without mention of heart	8	6	37	37
Arteriosclerosis	22	17	92	74
Influenza	1	-	3	4
Pneumonia	28	20	116	114
Bronchitis	7	4	31	25
Other respiratory disease	12	9	40	35
Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	4	2	19	14
Gastro-enteritis and colitis	2	3	11	15
Chronic enteritis and ulcerative colitis	-	-	3	5
Cirrhosis of the liver	2	3	17	12
Nephritis and nephrosis	10	2	48	35
Disease of the prostate	5	6	38	32
Maternal causes	1	1	5	8
Disease of early infancy	19	13	133	124
Motor vehicle accidents	9	13	113	124
Other accidents	16	19	141	137
Suicide	13	4	56	44
All other causes	48	51	328	318
Total:	534	479	3,198	3,015

* Equivalent Annual Rate.

* Deaths under one year.

LAND SETTLEMENT

Land taken up under conditional alienation during the eight months ended August, 1956, totalled 529,741 acres, an increase of 63,942 acres on the corresponding period last year. Pastoral, special and miscellaneous leases registered amounted to 3,183,599 acres, a decrease of 3,325,419

STATE GOVERNMENT CONSOLIDATED REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE

Item	AUGUST		Two Months ended AUGUST	
	1956	1955	1956	1955
	£.	£.	£.	£.
Revenue	4,195,037	3,607,288	8,140,448	7,053,091
Revenue per Head of Population	6. 3. 7	5. 9. 1	11.19. 11	10. 13. 7
Expenditure	5,251,268	4,159,528	9,614,579	8,032,778
Expenditure per Head of Population	7. 14. 8	6. 5. 10	14. 3. 5	12. 3. 3

SAVINGS BANKS

Depositors' Balances at the end of August, 1956, amounted to £58,577,570 or £86.2.10 per head of population as against £54,255,418 or £81.18.6 per head at the end of August, 1955. Figures exclude operations of the Rural and Industries Bank of W.A.

BANK CLEARANCES

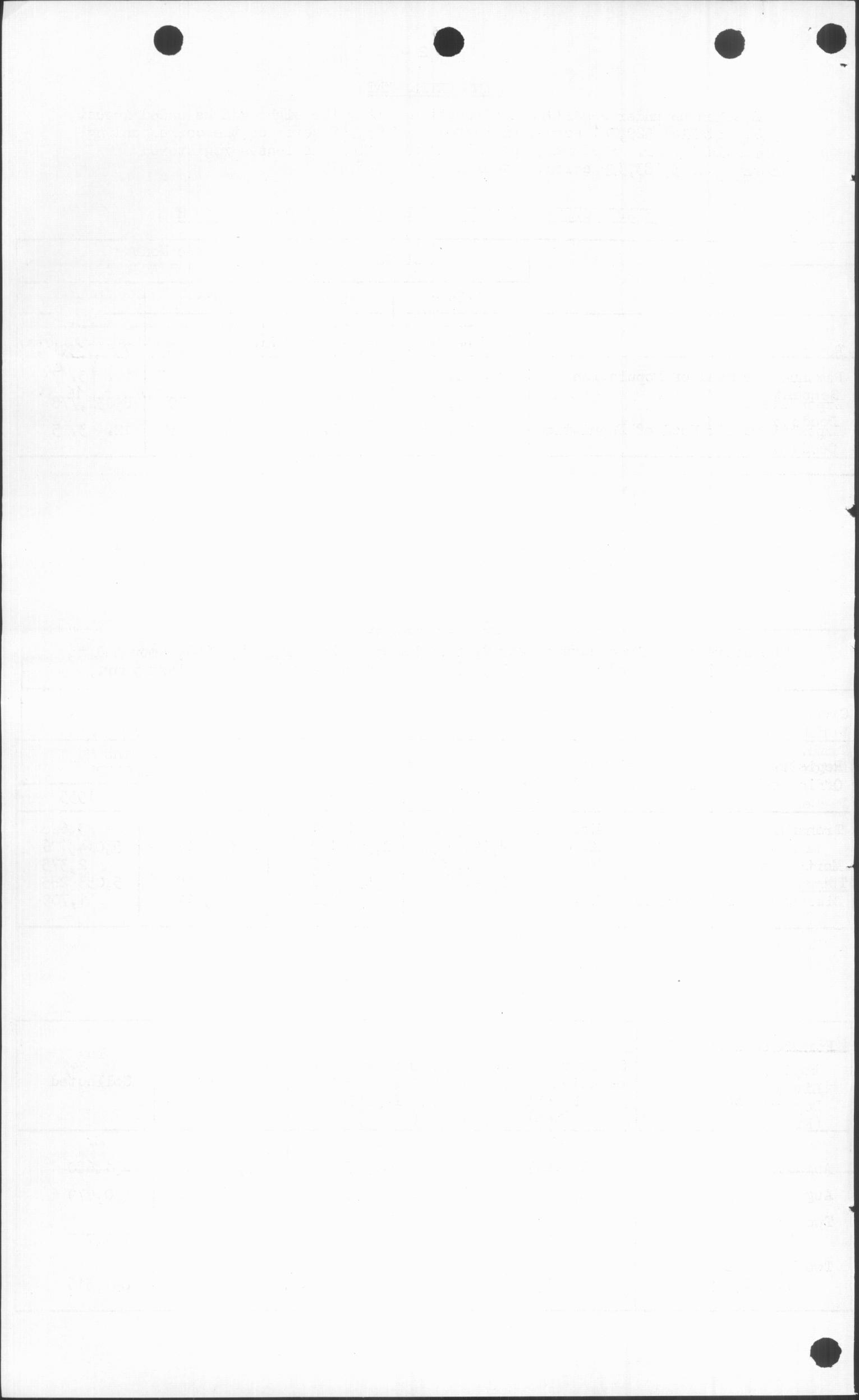
The average weekly clearance for five weeks ended 29th August, 1956, amounted to £12,974,398 compared with £12,223,266 for the corresponding period last year.

REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS

Registrations effected at the Office of Land Titles and Deeds	AUGUST		Two Months ended AUGUST	
	1956	1955	1956	1955
Transfers	No. 1,544	£. 2,124,713	1,851	2,971
Mortgages	No. 1,101	£. 1,991,639	2,368,100	4,335,217
Discharges of Mortgages	No. 903		1,108	2,101
			2,559,076	3,880,269
			836	1,711
				5,014,126
				2,375
				5,053,285
				1,709

SALES TAX: SALES OF TAXABLE AND EXEMPT GOODS AND TAX COLLECTED

Period of Receipt of Returns	Taxable Goods		Sales of Exempt Goods	Tax Collected
	Sales in respect of which Tax is Payable (Net)	Sales in respect of which Tax is NOT Payable (Gross)		
August, 1956	£. 3,646,717	2,094,955	£. 9,438,211	£. 431,680
August, 1955	4,322,407	2,329,278	9,312,606	490,979
Two Months ended August, 1956	6,561,688	4,182,914	18,648,213	794,747
Two Months ended August, 1955	7,634,978	4,413,008	18,382,022	891,516



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COMPANIES REGISTERED

39 Local Companies with a nominal capital of £1,656,000 and 17 Foreign Companies were registered during the two months ended August, 1956. Registrations for the corresponding period last year comprised 49 Local Companies with a nominal capital of £2,395,000 and 17 Foreign Companies.

BANKRUPTCY

Item	2 Months ended AUGUST					
	1956			1955		
	No.	Liabilities	Assets	No.	Liabilities	Assets
Sequestration Orders	22	£. 40,889	£. 15,564	16	£. 34,018	£. 16,511
Deeds of Assignment (a)	13	44,581	35,130	10	74,146	79,062
Deeds of Arrangement	-	-	-	-	-	-

(a) Includes Compositions and Schemes of Arrangement.

TRANSPORT

The operations of the State Government Railways, open for General and Passenger traffic, were as follows:-

Item	JULY		Twelve Months ended JUNE	
	1956	1955	1956	1955
Gross Earnings (a) *	£. 1,247,200	£. 1,055,800	£. 13,274,166	£. 12,530,410
Working Expenses (a)	£. 1,172,186	£. 1,131,494	14,993,054	13,935,329
Train Miles Run	No. 745,709	No. 687,843	8,278,200	7,769,226
Motor Bus Miles Run	No. (b) 79,418	No. (d) 92,969	(c) 1,505,382	(c) 1,644,974
<u>Passenger Journeys</u> -				
Train	No. 975,237		12,270,777	10,138,948
Motor Bus	No. 21,798		312,202	351,601
<u>Tonnage Carried</u> -				
Paying Goods	424,406	314,790	3,655,327	3,278,633
Livestock	11,383	10,213	137,529	128,001
Departmental (Free Freight)	57,111	73,583	730,565	895,148
Total:	492,900	398,586	4,523,421	4,301,782
<u>Net Ton Mileage of</u> -				
Paying Goods	69,791,078	52,913,306	590,624,727	539,696,897
Livestock	1,717,475	1,659,837	17,793,778	16,807,862
Departmental (Free Freight)	7,253,496	8,153,253	81,906,646	109,525,559
Total:	78,762,049	62,731,396	690,324,851	666,030,325

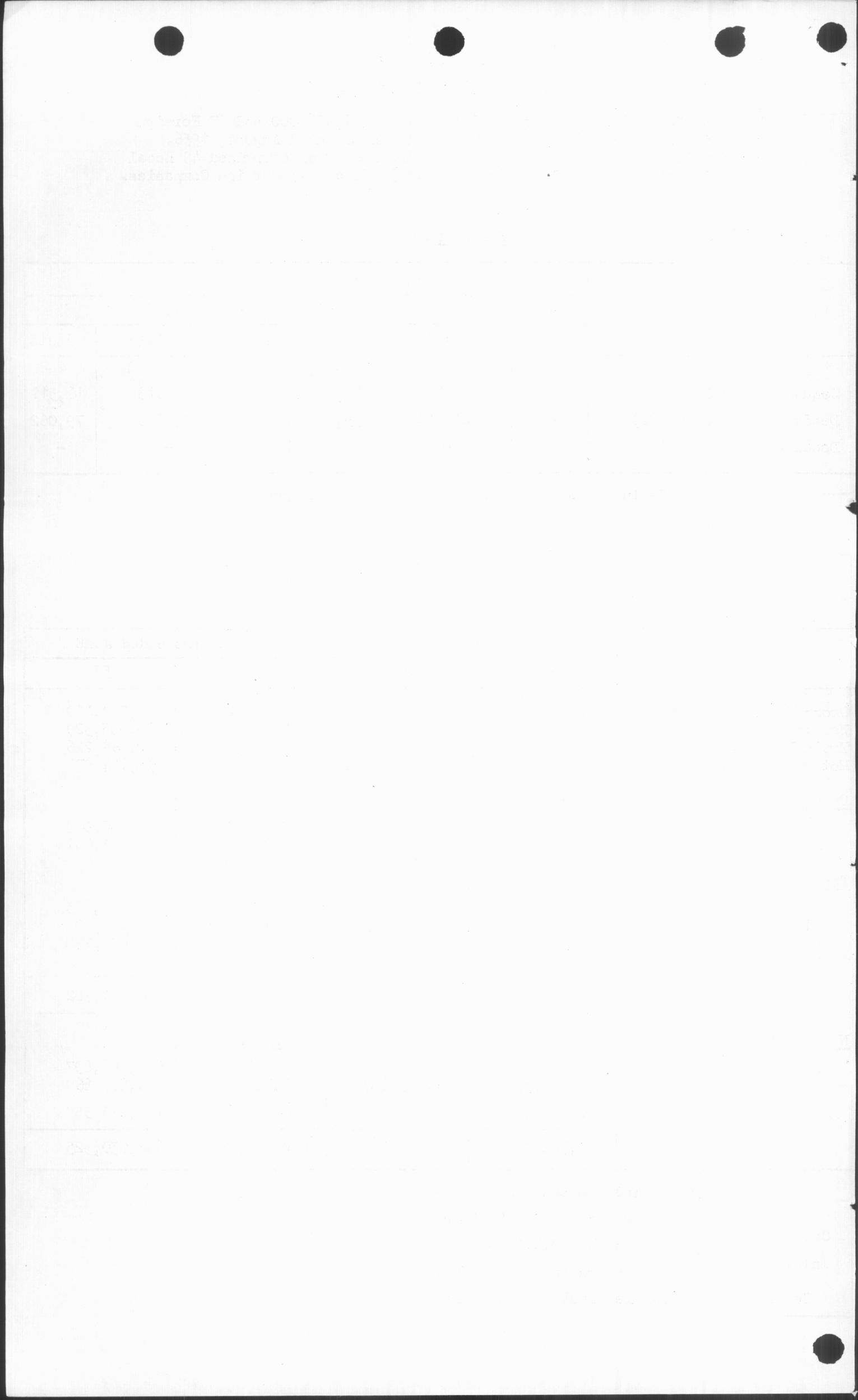
(a) Includes operations of the Railway Road Service.

(b) Three weeks ended 21st July.

(c) Year ended 30th June.

(d) Four weeks ended 28th July.

* Figures liable to revision.



MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS

(1) NEW VEHICLES REGISTERED

Period	Metropolitan Traffic Area				Entire State (a)			
	Cars (including Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles	Cars (including Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Year 1951	4,263	2,088	51	1,886	7,921	5,792	101	3,193
Year 1952	4,088	2,006	74	1,121	8,078	5,549	115	1,939
Year 1953	4,460	1,869	57	746	8,166	5,071	76	1,239
Year 1954	6,499	2,487	34	736	11,667	6,083	70	1,267
Year 1955	6,352	2,533	18	701	11,612	5,606	59	1,130
<u>1956 -</u>								
January	419	167	-	63	742	390	4	94
February	544	186	3	76	903	449	18	107
March	567	165	1	86	939	119	5	23
April	356	129	1	68	583	340	10	94
May	395	173	2	47	649	434	6	63
June	274	137	2	29	491	311	5	49
July	364	173	1	39	637	376	3	63

(2) MOTOR VEHICLES IN USE (EFFECTIVE REGISTRATIONS)

Date (as at end of Month)	Metropolitan Traffic Area				Entire State (a)			
	Cars (including Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles	Cars (including Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
<u>1954 -</u>								
June	47,819	20,400	593	9,692	78,312	59,257	1,124	15,243
December	52,072	21,721	590	9,713	84,963	60,905	1,143	14,894
<u>1955 -</u>								
June	55,720	22,694	555	9,605	90,255	62,753	1,138	14,662
December	59,374	23,666	562	9,342	95,014	63,128	1,148	14,041
<u>1956 -</u>								
January	59,949	23,869	562	9,374	94,382	61,386	1,063	13,310
February	60,256	23,908	564	9,371	95,852	62,733	1,171	13,660
March	60,621	23,895	565	9,345	96,908	63,432	1,181	13,857
April	61,206	24,070	566	9,365	96,838	62,854	1,180	13,602
May	61,421	24,191	568	9,382	97,995	64,011	1,188	13,877
June	61,835	24,169	569	9,253	98,875	64,430	1,196	13,873
July	62,938	24,520	572	9,274	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)

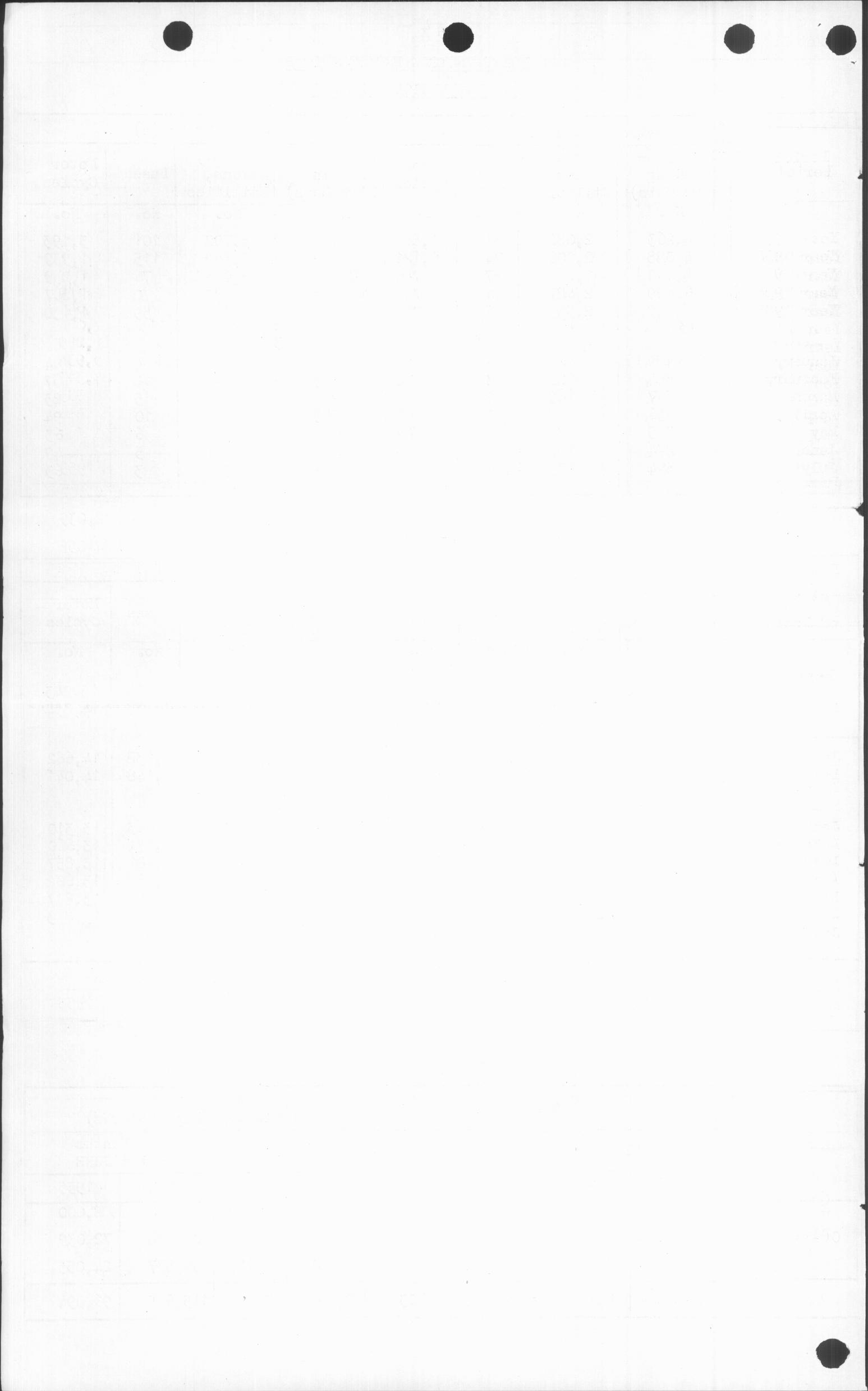
(a) Includes Commonwealth-owned vehicles other than those of Defence Services.

(b) Not available.

TRADE OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA (INTERSTATE AND OVERSEAS)

Expressed in terms of Australian Currency

Item	IMPORTS				EXPORTS (Including Ships' Stores)			
	JULY		12 Months ended JUNE		JULY		12 Months ended JUNE	
	1956	1955	1956	1955	1956	1955	1956	1955
Oversea	£,000	£,000	£,000	£,000	£,000	£,000	£,000	£,000
Oversea	2,681	2,932	46,482	50,648	8,808	4,766	81,038	72,039
Interstate	4,967	5,824	88,900	91,055	851	3,157	34,577	24,055
Total:	7,648	8,756	135,382	141,703	9,659	7,923	115,615	96,094



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BUILDING ACTIVITY

(1) NEW BUILDINGS COMPLETED

Period	Dwellings				Factories		Other		Total	
	Owner-Built		By Contractors etc. (a)							
	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value
Year 1946		£,000		£,000		£,000		£,000		£,000
Year 1947	55	32	1,316	1,221	52	82	145	192	1,568	1,527
Year 1948	165	109	2,245	2,380	37	64	164	327	2,611	2,880
Year 1949	514	346	2,544	3,042	49	160	268	431	3,375	3,978
Year 1950	825	693	2,485	3,476	57	215	317	657	3,684	5,041
Year 1951	1,313	1,365	3,331	4,727	41	263	428	651	5,113	7,006
Year 1952	1,913	2,835	4,137	6,969	40	459	433	986	6,523	11,249
Year 1953	2,883	5,824	4,946	11,201	63	667	604	2,424	8,496	19,934
Year 1954	2,988	7,219	4,839	12,624	84	817	714	3,657	8,625	24,317
Year 1955	3,127	8,255	5,044	13,491	111	1,544	844	5,015	9,126	28,305
1956 -	2,788	8,194	6,422	18,091	129	3,405	933	6,900	10,272	36,590
March Qr.	544	1,678	1,276	3,549	28	349	232	1,998	2,080	7,574
June Qr.	543	1,644	1,458	3,930	25	210	226	1,724	2,252	7,508

(a) Comprises Government Day Labour as well as Private Contractor Operations and includes Shop Dwellings, Flats and Other Residential excluded from Table (2) hereunder.

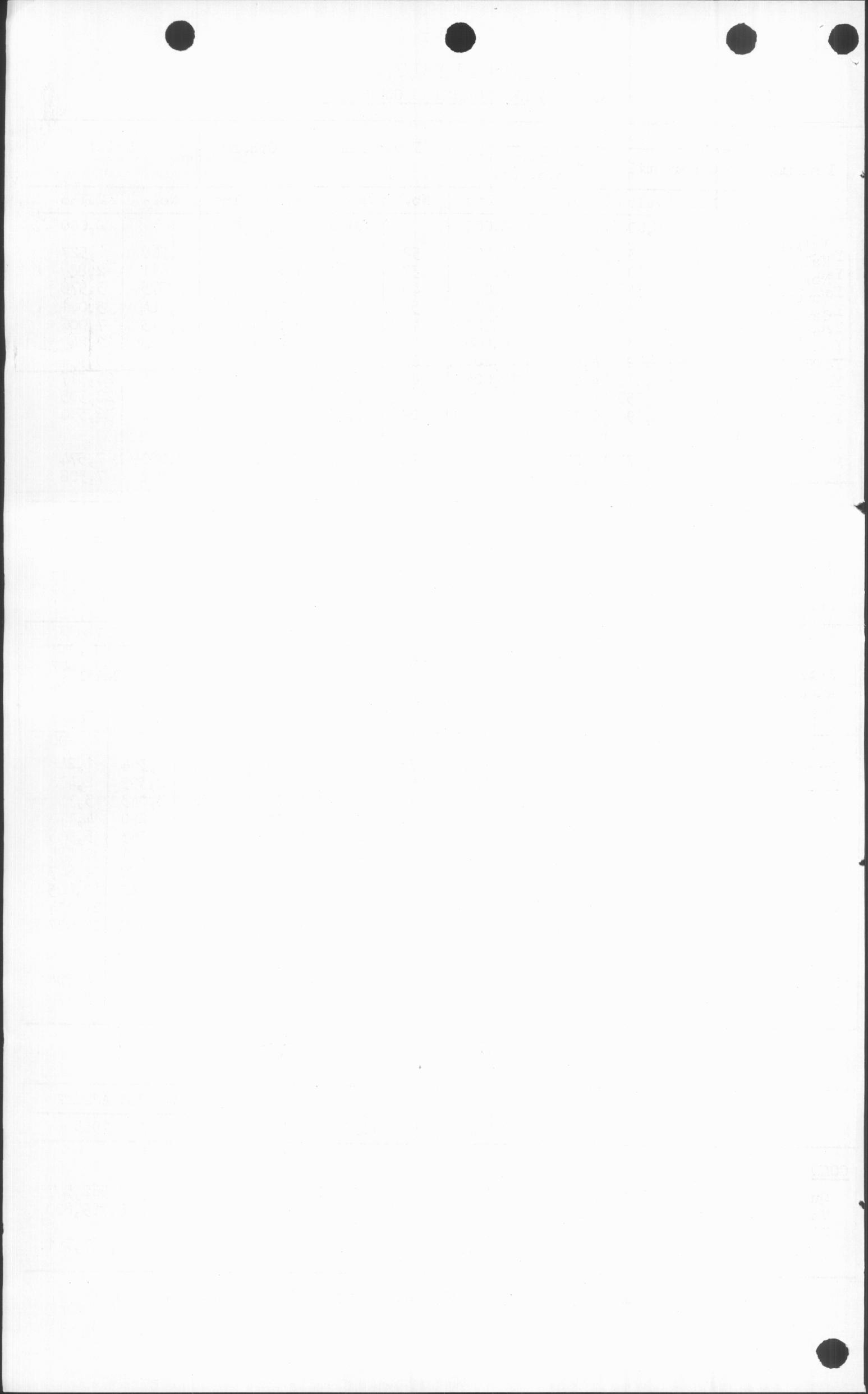
(2) HOUSE CONSTRUCTION
(Includes Owner-Built Homes)

Period	Houses Completed - Classified According to Materials of Outer Walls									
	Brick, Stone, Concrete, etc.		Wood or Mainly Wood		Fibro-Cement or Mainly Fibro-Cement		Other		Total	
	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value
Year 1946		£,000		£,000		£,000		£,000		£,000
Year 1947	578	640	186	140	373	296	227	172	1,364	1,248
Year 1948	1,114	1,365	257	196	966	862	62	47	2,399	2,470
Year 1949	1,252	1,715	326	249	1,436	1,348	29	22	3,043	3,338
Year 1950	1,449	2,235	228	191	1,571	1,649	42	43	3,290	4,118
Year 1951	1,709	2,882	337	311	2,262	2,572	55	48	4,363	5,813
Year 1952	2,155	4,560	453	525	2,933	4,241	190	218	5,731	9,544
Year 1953	3,006	8,097	745	1,609	3,844	6,678	135	263	7,730	16,647
Year 1954	2,676	8,417	976	2,657	3,966	8,277	24	54	7,642	19,405
Year 1955	2,865	9,767	214	530	4,823	10,833	4	4	7,906	21,134
1956 -	3,268	11,775	225	621	5,271	12,614	8	17	8,772	25,027
March Qr.	737	2,657	32	91	915	2,156	-	-	1,684	4,904
June Qr.	797	2,781	16	53	972	2,280	1	2	1,786	5,115

GOLD PRODUCTION

Item	AUGUST		8 Months ended AUGUST	
	1956	1955	1956	1955
<u>GOLD</u>				
Quantity	Fine ozs.	72,304	70,221	556,437
Value (Aust. Currency) *	£.	1,129,742	1,097,203	8,694,311
Rividends reported by Gold Mining Companies	£.	262,500	262,500	1,242,823
				1,167,711

* Excludes premiums on gold sold for industrial purposes.



RETAIL PRICES INDEX NUMBERS

(Base of Each Series: Weighted Average of Six Capitals for 1923/27 = 1000)

Centre	Food and Groceries				"C" Series			
	JUNE Quarter		Twelve Months ended JUNE		JUNE Quarter		Twelve Months ended JUNE	
	1956	1955	1956	1955	1956	1955	1956	1955
Metropolitan Area	3000	2905	2921	2843	2646	2569	2596	2524
Kalgoorlie-Boulder	3142	3063	3094	2983	2543	2497	2520	2457
Northam	3022	2967	2950	2894	2565	2523	2528	2479
Bunbury	3037	3006	2994	2902	2660	2586	2605	2529
Geraldton	3059	2987	3006	2923	2802	2690	2760	2655
Collie	3056	3008	3011	2929	2416	2379	2391	2336

ESTIMATED TOTAL EMPLOYMENT

(Excluding Rural and Private Domestic)

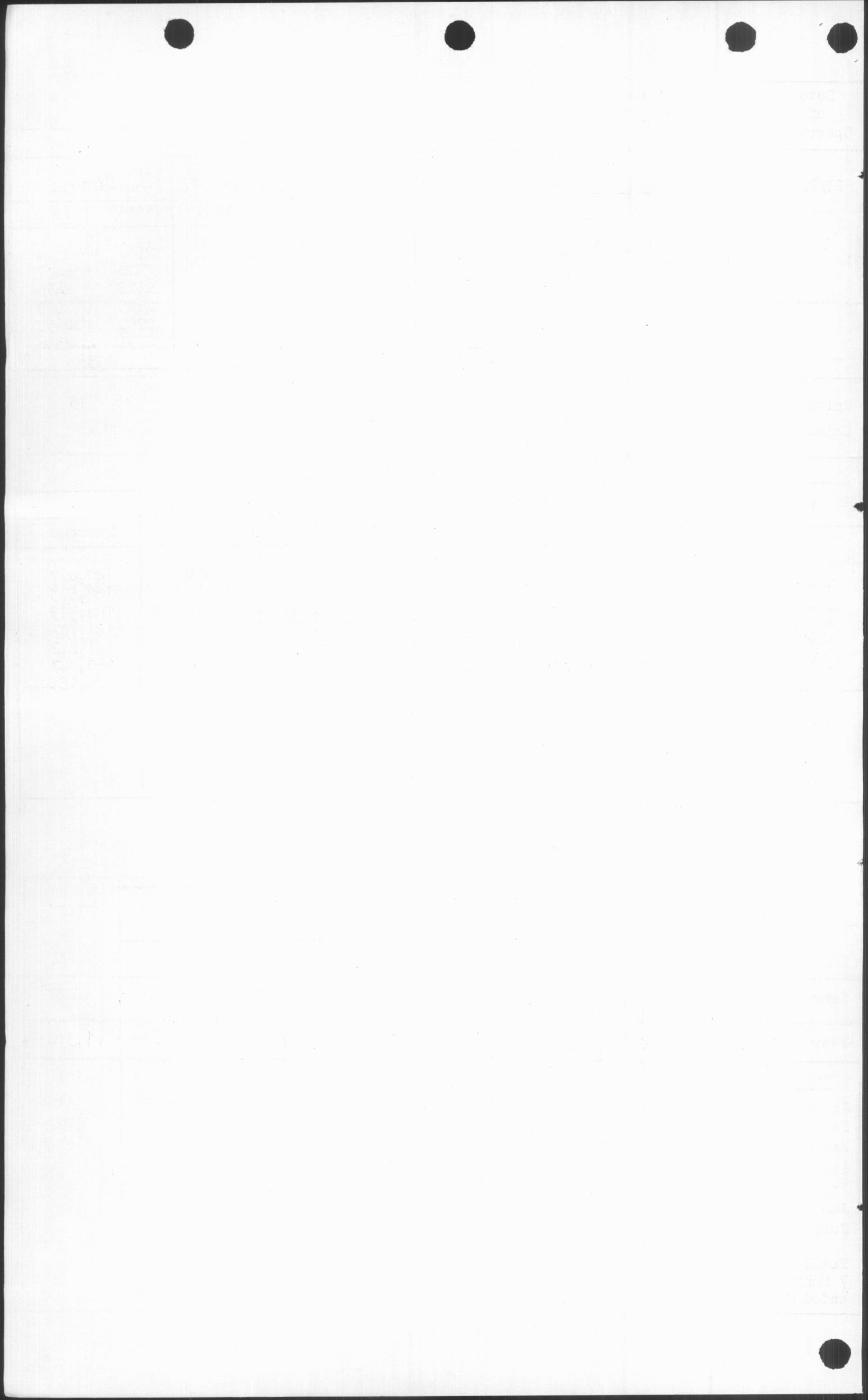
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Month	1955			1956		
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
January	135,624	42,794	178,418	136,330	43,687	180,017
February	135,417	43,730	179,147	137,946	44,627	182,573
March	136,290	44,016	180,306	137,563	44,762	182,325
April	136,524	43,893	180,417	136,859	44,848	181,707
May	136,357	43,878	180,235	136,208	45,034	181,242
June	136,347	43,880	180,227	135,482	44,565	180,047
July	135,696	43,901	179,597	134,639	44,545	179,184
August	135,857	43,758	179,615			
September	136,616	43,913	180,529			
October	136,291	43,924	180,215			
November	136,970	44,401	181,371			
December	137,537	44,536	182,073			

INDEX OF FACTORY EMPLOYMENT (a)

Month	Factories (Base: 1928/29 (19,799 Employees = 100))				
	1952	1953	1954	1955	1956
January	214	213	226	237	241
February	216	217	228	240	242
March	216	220	231	242	238
April	215	221	230	243	238
May	214	222	231	242	237
June	211	220	230	239	255
July	211	221	230	237	233
August	212	221	230	238	
September	211	223	232	240	
October	212	224	233	240	
November	213	227	234	242	
December	213	227	233	242	

(a) Figures subsequent to June, 1955, are preliminary.



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STATE BASIC WAGE

Date of Operation	Metropolitan Area		South-West Land Division		Goldfields and Rest of State	
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
23/7/56	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.
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ELECTRICITY SUPPLY - METROPOLITAN AREA
(Generated by W.A. Government Power Stations)

Particulars	AUGUST		Two Months ended AUGUST	
	1956	1955	1956	1955
Units Generated (1000 K.W.H.)	46,950	44,235	94,925	88,593
Units Sent Out (1000 K.W.H.)	42,411	39,099	85,727	78,292

LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTERINGS IN PRINCIPAL ESTABLISHMENTS

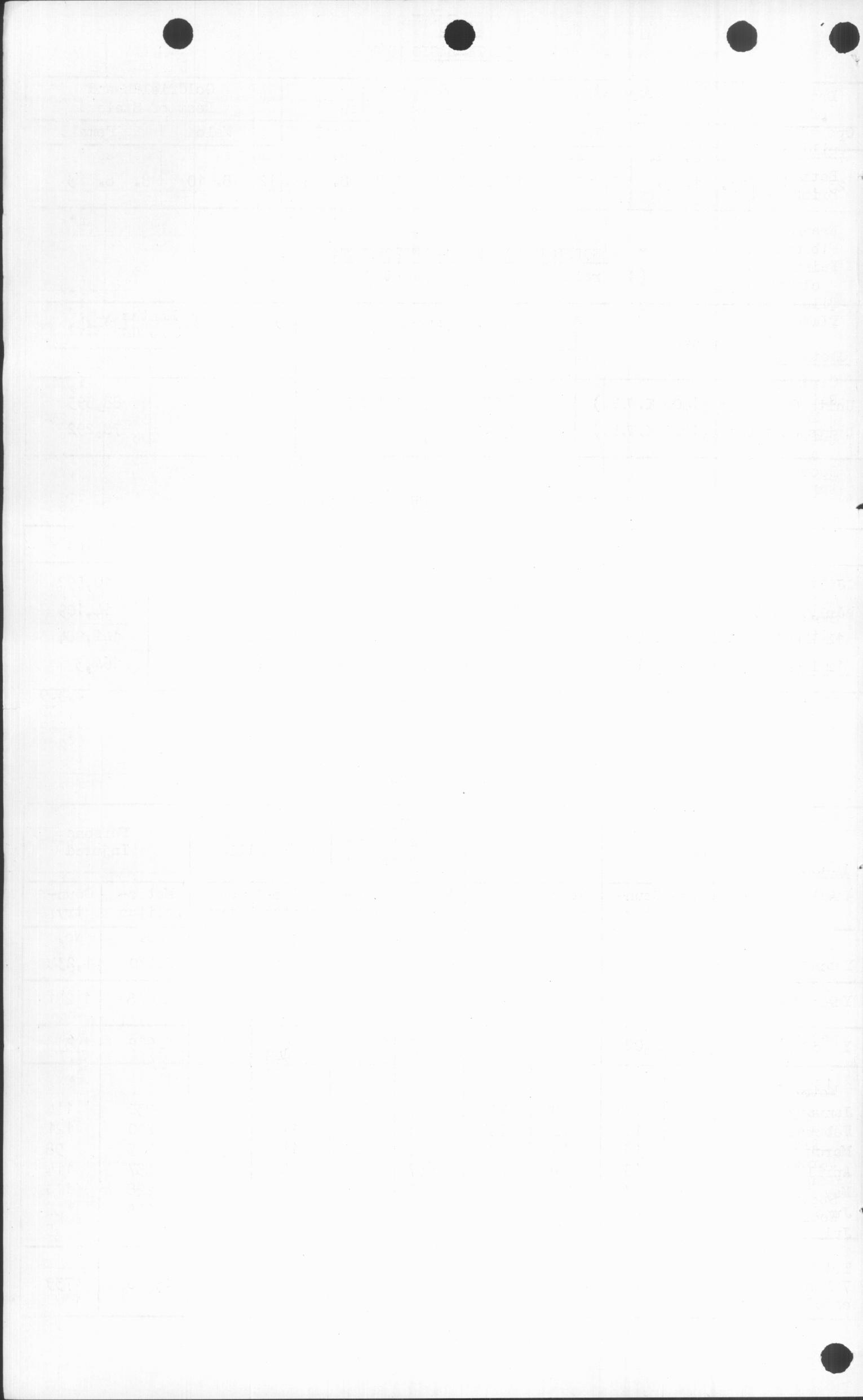
Period	Cattle		Calves		Sheep		Pigs	
	1956	1955	1956	1955	1956	1955	1956	1955
July, 1956	16,710	348	68,743	10,592				
July, 1955	16,659	305	83,372	14,109				
12 Months ended June, 1956	134,621	3,798	1,262,161	141,984				
12 Months ended June, 1955	130,036	4,306	1,145,296	164,371				

ROAD TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS

(Note - Excludes non-casualty accidents where damage was estimated to be £10 or less)

Period	Non-Casualty Accidents (Damage over £10)		Casualty Accidents		Total Accidents Reported		Persons Killed		Persons Injured	
	Metro- politan	Coun- try	Metro- politan	Coun- try	Metro- politan	Coun- try	Metro- politan	Coun- try	Metro- politan	Coun- try
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Year 1953	4,074	1,463	2,024	882	6,098	2,345	99	93	2,430	1,234
Year 1954	5,072	1,824	2,415	874	7,487	2,698	96	89	3,028	1,281
Year 1955	5,878	2,029	2,237	921	8,115	2,950	110	89	2,669	1,318
<u>1956 -</u>										
January	435	172	182	71	617	243	6	7	230	114
February	406	134	157	73	563	207	11	5	200	121
March	463	156	191	73	654	229	11	9	225	98
April	487	157	210	83	697	240	4	9	237	114
May	604	173	186	78	790	251	9	9	228	109
June *	537	186	193	61	730	247	11	2	225	88
July	556	184	172	71	728	255	5	3	213	95
Total, 7 Months ended July	3,488	1,162	1,291	510	4,779	1,672	55	44	1,558	739

* Revised.

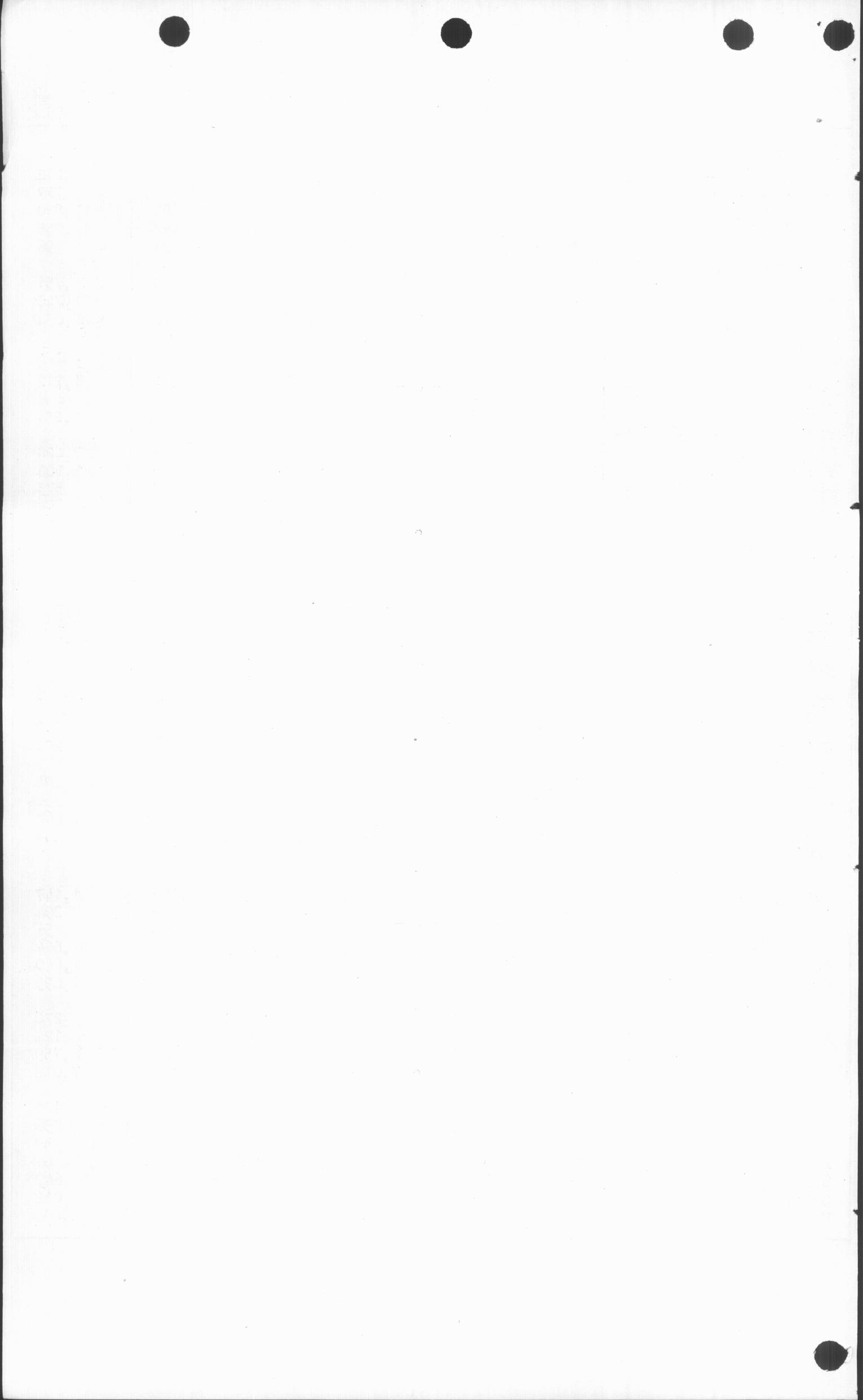


MONTHLY PRODUCTION STATISTICS (SUBJECT TO REVISION)

Item	Unit	AUGUST		Two Months ended AUGUST	
		1956	1955	1956	1955
<u>Building Materials, etc.</u>					
Bath Heaters - solid fuel	no.	444	1,190	1,368	2,212
Bricks - Cement	'000	229	388	389	777
- Clay	'000	8,063	9,244	14,882	17,870
Enamels	gal.	5,213	12,298	11,442	17,055
Fibrous Plaster Sheets	'000 sq.yd.	97	212	203	396
Paints (Ready Mixed) Excluding Water Paints	gal.	15,449	17,344	30,025	29,751
Tiles, roofing - Cement	'000	518	830	923	1,740
Timber, Sawn	'000 sup.ft.	(a) 19,144	(a) 19,599	(b) 223,708	(b) 225,634
<u>Clothing</u>					
Cardigans and Pullovers	doz.	973	736	1,811	1,712
Raincoats (inc. Oilskins)					
Men's and Boys'	no.	194	436	571	1,231
Shirts (all types) Men's and Boys'	doz.	4,747	4,157	8,670	7,420
Sports Coats - Men's	no.	390	545	1,037	1,004
Suits - Men's - 3 piece	no.	239	270	478	573
- 2 piece	no.	1,730	2,143	3,364	3,904
Trousers - Men's - Sport	no.	5,593	4,453	10,267	7,798
- Work	no.	17,481	8,896	30,121	14,981
<u>Footwear</u>					
Boots and Shoes (all types)	pair	31,675	28,167	64,629	56,902
Sandals	pair	22,324	10,767	31,481	17,071
Slippers	pair	31,991	29,340	71,351	56,419
<u>Food and Drink</u>					
Ale, Beer and Stout	'000 gal.	1,228	1,231	2,148	2,309
Bacon and Ham	'000 lb.	529	667	1,058	1,135
Butter	'000 lb.	2,084	1,984	3,797	3,582
Cheese	'000 lb.	265	161	436	291
Confectionery (not chocolate)	'000 lb.	302	328	606	694
Jams	'000 lb.	72	77	143	156
Margarine	'000 lb.	153	180	319	264
Sauce - Tomato	pint	68,491	65,483	144,248	119,801
<u>Miscellaneous</u>					
Acids - Acetic	cwt.	745	573	1,149	1,147
- Hydrochloric	cwt.	153	154	255	294
- Nitric	cwt.	56	36	108	56
- Sulphuric	ton	13,900	18,946	22,619	31,864
Coal	ton	84,817	88,956	164,559	171,640
Cycles, Pedal	no.	478	684	884	1,095
Gas Produced	million cu. ft.	136	136	276	274
Mattresses - Inner Spring	no.	2,071	2,102	4,127	4,124
- Woven Wire	no.	4,416	3,848	6,206	4,759
- Soft filled	no.	3,346	3,597	6,191	7,018
Motor Vehicle Bodies -					
Truck Trays	no.	43	73	82	121
Utilities (all types)	no.	-	20	4	36
Trailers (all types)	no.	9	17	15	39
Perambulators	no.	29	45	61	86
Soap and Soap Substitutes	cwt.	6,843	5,753	14,002	11,642
Superphosphate	ton	41,125	53,108	64,252	89,012
Wool - Scoured	'000 lb.	1,547	1,120	3,676	2,450

(a) July figures. August not available.

(b) Twelve months ended June.



VALUE OF RETAIL SALES CLASSIFIED ACCORDING TO COMMODITY GROUPS

Figures supplied by Commonwealth Statistician

The figures in the table below relate to goods (as distinct from services, accommodation, entertainments, meals, etc.) sold to the public by establishments selling retail goods from fixed premises (shops, rooms, kiosks, yards). The table contains particulars of retail sales of goods for the years 1948-49, 1952-53 and 1954-55, on a comparable basis. The figures for the years 1948-49 and 1952-53 were obtained from Censuses taken in respect of those years, whereas particulars for the other periods shown are estimates based on sample surveys.

(£ Million)

Period (a)	Groceries	Butchers' Meat	Other Food (b)	Beer, Wine, Spirits	Clothing, Drapery, Piecegoods & Footwear	Hardware, China and Glassware (c)	Electrical Goods and Radios	Furniture and Floor Coverings	Other Goods (d)	Total, Excluding Motor Vehicles, etc.	Motor Vehicles Parts, Petrol (e)
YEARS											
1948-49	10.8	4.0	7.1	8.5	14.3	3.8	2.4	3.0	10.8	64.7	13.7
1952-53	20.7	8.2	13.7	14.4	24.1	9.3	6.1	5.2	25.6	127.3	37.3
1954-55	25.9	9.1	16.2	15.5	27.3	10.4	7.4	6.1	29.9	147.8	51.1
QUARTERS											
March Qtr. 1953	5.0	2.1	3.6	4.1	5.2	2.2	1.5	1.2	6.2	31.1	9.1
1954	5.3	2.2	3.7	4.4	5.5	2.4	1.6	1.3	6.6	33.0	10.2
1955	6.4	2.2	4.1	4.2	5.9	2.4	1.8	1.4	7.1	35.5	12.3
1956	6.6	2.3	5.0	4.5	5.8	2.6	1.9	1.4	6.9	37.0	15.9
June Qtr. 1953	5.3	2.1	3.5	3.3	6.7	2.5	1.4	1.3	6.3	32.4	9.8
1954	5.8	2.4	3.7	3.6	7.3	2.6	1.4	1.5	7.3	35.6	12.0
1955	6.5	2.3	3.9	3.5	7.3	2.6	1.5	1.5	7.3	36.4	13.7
Sept. Qtr. 1953	5.4	2.2	3.5	3.3	6.1	2.4	1.5	1.5	6.8	32.7	10.4
1954	6.3	2.3	4.0	3.7	6.4	2.5	1.7	1.6	7.2	35.7	12.6
1955	6.6	2.5	4.3	3.3	6.6	2.7	1.8	1.6	6.9	36.3	14.7
Dec. Qtr. 1953	5.8	2.2	3.8	4.2	7.6	2.8	2.1	1.6	8.4	38.5	11.4
1954	6.7	2.3	4.2	4.1	7.7	2.9	2.4	1.6	8.3	40.2	12.5
1955	6.9	2.4	4.7	4.2	7.9	3.0	2.6	1.8	9.0	42.5	15.5

(a) Figures subsequent to June, 1953, are subject to revision. (b) Includes Fresh Fruit and Vegetables, Confectionery, Soft Drinks, Ice Cream, Cakes, Pastry, Cooked Provisions, Fish etc., but excludes most delivered Milk and some delivered Bread. (c) Excludes Basic Building Materials (e.g., Timber, Roofing Tiles, Bricks, etc.). (d) Includes Tobacco, Cigarettes, etc., Newspapers, Books and Stationery, Chemists' Goods, Grain and Produce, Jewellery, Office Equipment, etc. (e) Excludes Farm Machinery and Implements, Earth Moving Equipment, etc.

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